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Highlights

Mississippi Catfish growers had sales of 263 million dollars during 2006, down 2 percent from the previous year. Producers sold 313 million pounds of foodsize catfish in 2006, with a value of 241 million dollars. The average price received by farmers was 77 cents per pound, up 6 cents per pound from 2005. Commercial catfish operations in Mississippi had 171 million foodsize fish on hand January 1, 2007, down 2 percent from the

previous year. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 3.00 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 52.2 million medium foodsize (over 1 ½ to 3 pounds per fish), and 116 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1 ½ pounds per fish). The number of stockers on hand January 1, 2007, totaled 381 million fish, up 10 percent from the previous year. Fingerlings totaled 714 million fish, up 11 percent from January 1, 2006; and producers had 600,000 broodfish on hand January 1, 2007, down 27 percent.

Data for catfish production are collected from all known catfish producers by mail, telephone and personal interview. Data from each operation were compared to their own past operating profile and to trends of similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data.

Catfish: Number of Operations, Water Surfaces Acres Used for Production, 2006-2007 and Total Sales, 2005-2006, by State and United States

State	Number of Operations on January ¹		Water Surface Acres Used For Production During January – June 30		Total Sales	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2005 ¹	2006
	Number		Acres		1,000 Dollars	
Alabama	194	199	23,500	23,700	97,602	98,969
Arkansas	132	137	32,600	30,400	77,556	79,586
California	36	37	1,500	1,500	7,308	7,318
Florida	31	43	520	530	1,435	1,761
Georgia	60	60	1,300	1,100	2,066	2,019
Kentucky	34	35	390	370	887	849
Louisiana	28	20	6,600	6,300	14,936	12,625
Mississippi	390	370	99,000	94,000	268,158	262,510
Missouri	24	21	1,360	1,100	1,723	2,060
North Carolina	49	44	2,100	2,000	6,077	7,213
Texas	57	57	1,500	1,700	4,547	5,910
United States	1,035	1,023	170,370	162,700	482,295	480,820

¹ Revised.

Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage, by State and United States, 2006-2007

State	Acres Intended for Utilization January 1 – June 30 for:					Acres Taken out of Production During Jul 1 – Dec 31, Previous Year
	Foodsize	Fingerlings	Broodfish	Currently Under or Scheduled for-		
				Renovation	New Construction	
Acres						
2006						
Alabama	21,600	920	320	860	160	1,140
Arkansas	27,500	4,300	570	760	100	970
California	1,240	150	50	60	60	*
Florida	480	*	10	*		*
Georgia	840	325	120	70	*	*
Kentucky	340	30	15	*		200
Louisiana	5,500	970	*	550		360
Mississippi	77,300	15,500	3,500	4,000	400	3,700
Missouri	970	*	25	65	*	*
North Carolina	1,700	100	*	200	300	40
Texas	1,350	90	40	20	250	30
United States	138,820	22,750	4,780	6,615	1,330	6,680
Acres						
2007						
Alabama	21,800	1,300	400	860	110	690
Arkansas	25,500	4,200	560	530	*	950
California	1,180	180	90	90		*
Florida	415	65	35	*	10	20
Georgia	680	260	90	50	*	*
Kentucky	340	*	*	*	*	20
Louisiana	5,300	820	120	570	*	160
Mississippi	73,500	15,800	2,400	2,900	500	2,100
Missouri	660	350	*	40		50
North Carolina	1,800	90	40	*	30	30
Texas	1,500	*	110	100	100	65
United States	132,675	23,110	3,880	5,172	870	4,210

* Included in Other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales, by Category, States (Published)
and United States, 2005-2006**

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight Total		Value of Sales		Average Price Per Pound	
	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006
	1,000		Pounds		1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
Foodsize								
Alabama	78,000	71,000	142,000	131,000	92,300	98,250	0.65	0.75
Arkansas	64,000	56,500	104,000	99,200	73,840	75,392	0.71	0.76
California	1,720	1,680	3,180	3,050	7,187	7,137	2.26	2.34
Florida	1,400	1,350	2,100	1,810	1,365	1,665	0.65	0.92
Georgia	990	1,560	1,580	1,540	1,248	1,324	0.79	0.86
Kentucky	820	760	1,225	1,070	833	824	0.68	0.77
Louisiana	14,800	10,800	21,110	15,700	14,770	12,560	0.70	0.80
Mississippi	235,000	215,000	348,000	313,000	247,080	241,010	0.71	0.77
Missouri	510	960	1,500	1,360	1,230	1,156	0.82	0.85
North Carolina	4,600	4,600	8,100	8,600	5,994	6,966	0.74	0.81
Texas	3,570	4,450	6,100	7,250	4,331	5,800	0.71	0.80
United States	405,410	368,660	638,885	583,580	450,178	452,084	0.70	0.77
Broodfish								
Alabama	300	5	2,400	20	1,440	23	0.60	1.15
Arkansas	70	*	331	*	265	*	0.80	*
Mississippi	69	120	318	600	200	456	0.63	0.76
United States	486	175	3,203	790	2,000	666	0.62	0.84
Stockers								
Alabama	13,600	840	3,600	80	2,700	96	0.75	1.20
Arkansas	8,400	*	1,230	*	1,095	*	0.89	*
Mississippi	10,000	41,000	1,300	3,500	1,430	4,480	1.10	1.28
United States	34,949	52,368	6,937	5,569	5,995	6,913	0.86	1.24
Fingerlings & Fry								
Alabama	34,600	16,000	830	500	1,162	600	1.40	1.20
Arkansas	121,000	127,000	1,260	1,350	2,356	2,835	1.87	2.10
California	620	*	27	*	80	*	2.96	*
Georgia	7,800	6,900	340	315	694	655	2.04	2.08
Mississippi	511,000	412,000	13,600	10,100	19,448	16,564	1.43	1.64
North Carolina	1,200	2,800	60	115	64	246	1.07	2.14
Texas	770	240	35	8	125	27	3.57	3.41
United States	679,940	569,020	16,224	12,495	24,122	21,157	1.49	1.69

¹ Revised.

* Not published avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, Selected States and United States
January 1, 2006-2007

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per Fish	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Foodsize						
Alabama	3,900	2,300	13,200	7,600	3.4	3.3
Arkansas	1,730	1,600	6,000	5,410	3.5	3.4
California	210	420	690	1,400	3.3	3.3
Florida	80	40	290	140	3.6	3.5
Georgia	165	465	580	150	3.5	3.8
Louisiana	890	310	3,100	1,020	3.5	3.3
Mississippi	3,400	3,000	11,500	9,900	3.4	3.3
North Carolina	150	220	530	720	3.5	3.3
Texas	110	350	440	1,120	4.0	3.2
United States	10,790	8,350	36,920	27,700	3.4	3.3
Medium Foodsize						
Alabama	23,400	17,300	41,500	32,700	1.8	1.9
Arkansas	18,400	14,400	35,300	28,800	1.9	2.0
California	760	570	1,470	1,160	1.9	2.0
Florida	350	190	740	450	2.1	2.4
Georgia	510	590	1,010	1,170	2.0	2.0
Louisiana	5,180	5,960	10,200	10,100	2.0	1.7
Mississippi	50,000	52,200	93,000	93,500	1.9	1.8
North Carolina	2,100	2,600	4,300	5,000	2.0	1.9
Texas	1,250	3,130	2,550	6,150	2.0	2.0
United States	102,730	97,820	191,630	180,620	1.9	1.8
Small Foodsize						
Alabama	39,400	41,200	36,200	39,800	0.9	1.0
Arkansas	39,000	37,300	38,000	35,400	1.0	0.9
California	2,030	720	1,830	760	0.9	1.1
Florida	310	500	260	520	0.8	1.0
Georgia	340	340	345	390	1.0	1.1
Louisiana	5,040	4,210	5,000	4,850	1.0	1.2
Mississippi	122,000	116,000	124,000	115,000	1.0	1.0
North Carolina	3,100	2,200	3,000	2,400	1.0	1.1
Texas	1,890	1,920	1,690	1,720	0.9	0.9
United States	214,160	205,035	211,375	211,375	1.0	1.0
Broodfish						
Alabama	100	70	400	320	4.0	4.6
Arkansas	110	120	530	612	4.8	5.1
California	10	9	50	50	5.0	5.6
Florida	8	6	45	40	5.6	6.7
Georgia	25	20	115	90	4.6	4.5
Mississippi	820	600	4,000	3,100	4.9	5.2
North Carolina	5	10	40	70	8.0	7.0
Texas	2	30	10	158	5.0	5.3
United States	1,106	897	5,315	4,587	4.8	5.1

Catfish: Inventory by Size Category, by State and United States
January 1, 2006-2007

State and Size Category	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per Fish	
	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Stockers						
Alabama	42,400	42,400	17,200	19,000	406	448
Arkansas	47,400	31,200	15,100	10,800	319	346
California	900	1,150	380	630	422	548
Florida	*	*	*	*	*	*
Georgia	150	550	35	150	233	273
Kentucky	130	*	40	*	308	*
Louisiana	5,950	3,180	1,550	1,020	261	321
Mississippi	167,000	198,000	67,800	78,500	406	396
Missouri	*	600	*	200	*	333
North Carolina	2,800	1,100	1,400	670	500	609
Texas	780	360	350	140	449	389
United States	268,595	279,185	104,133	111,395	388	399
Small Stockers						
Alabama	106,000	51,800	8,400	5,900	79.2	113.9
Arkansas	53,200	44,600	5,000	4,200	94.0	94.2
California	1,430	1,640	180	185	125.9	112.8
Florida	*	*	*	*	*	*
Georgia	1,280	820	90	65	70.3	79.3
Kentucky	365	*	40	*	109.6	*
Louisiana	6,210	5,300	635	422	102.3	79.6
Mississippi	179,000	183,000	16,900	18,500	94.4	101.1
Missouri	*	1,900	*	190	*	100.0
North Carolina	3,600	2,400	500	340	138.9	141.7
Texas	1,370	1,260	140	131	102.2	104.0
United States	354,210	293,015	32,059	29,978	90.5	102.3
Fingerlings						
Alabama	166,000	59,500	6,000	2,300	36.1	38.7
Arkansas	184,000	156,000	5,200	5,200	28.3	33.3
California	3,400	8,130	130	255	38.2	31.4
Florida	85	1,400	2	52	23.5	37.1
Georgia	6,280	3,720	230	130	36.6	34.9
Kentucky	800	*	30	*	37.5	*
Louisiana	18,400	7,550	635	197	34.5	26.1
Mississippi	641,000	714,000	21,800	21,400	34.0	30.0
Missouri	3,750	3,800	109	55	29.1	14.5
North Carolina	5,600	3,300	200	110	35.7	33.3
Texas	10,100	*	310	*	30.7	*
United States	1,039,415	959,060	34,646	29,733	33.3	31.0

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United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, December 2005-2006

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	2,784	2,542	1.50	1.80	90	97
Fillets ¹	4,209	3,565	2.84	3.25	372	347
Other ²	900	814	1.65	1.79	89	72
Total Fresh	7,893	6,921	2.23	2.55	551	516
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,012	823	2.01	2.24	831	874
Fillets ¹	8,940	8,740	2.66	3.04	9,342	12,431
Other ²	3,980	4,394	1.43	1.63	2,983	4,368
Total Frozen	13,932	13,957	2.26	2.55	13,156	17,673
Total Frozen & Frozen	21,825	20,878	2.25	2.55	13,707	18,189

¹ Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

² Includes all products and not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, 2005-2006

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Paid Pound ¹	
	Monthly		Cumulative			
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars	
January	53,856	49,666	53,856	49,666	.725	.726
February	51,720	49,145	105,576	98,811	.731	.729
March	57,117	56,315	162,693	155,126	.733	.745
April	50,306	43,185	212,999	198,311	.725	.785
May	51,552	42,865	264,551	241,176	.722	.796
June	49,626	41,214	314,177	282,390	.721	.807
July	47,241	45,582	361,418	327,972	.723	.812
August	50,686	51,736	412,104	379,708	.724	.811
September	47,151	47,296	459,255	427,004	.724	.832
October	49,034	50,723	508,289	477,727	.724	.836
November ²	46,674	45,680	554,963	523,407	.724	.837
December	45,707	41,460	600,670	564,867	.726	.838

¹ Quantity processed by major processors and the prices received for fish delivered to the processing plants door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

² Revised 2006 data only.

**Catfish: Foodsize & Stockers Percent Sold by Point of First Sale,
by State and United States, 2005-2006**

State and Size Category	Processor		Fee-Fishing & Recreational Use		Live Haulers		Retail		Other	
	2005	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005	2006
Percent										
Foodsize										
Alabama	96	97	1	1	2	1	*	*	1	1
Arkansas	93	97	*	*	6	3	*	*	1	*
California	*	*	*	*	18	18	63	62	9	13
Florida	64	52	*	1	*	46			2	1
Georgia	37	58	6	19	15	*	33	*	9	3
Kentucky	33	55	16	10	42	30		*	9	*
Louisiana	96	87		3	*				*	10
Mississippi	99	99	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Missouri	*	*	14	25	62	45	*	*	3	10
North Carolina	96	95	*	*	*	*		*	*	3
Texas	82	78	4	1	13	20			1	1
United States	94.9	95.7	0.5	0.3	2.3	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.3
State and Size Category	Other Producers		Fee-Fishing & Recreational Use		Live Haulers		Government		Other	
	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006	2005 ¹	2006
Percent										
Stocker										
Alabama	93	98	*	*	*	*	*			
Arkansas	81	81			*	*	*	*		
California	28	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	
Florida	*		*							
Georgia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Kentucky		*								*
Louisiana	*		*							
Mississippi	99	100	1	*	*					
Missouri	69	30	*	*	*	*			*	*
North Carolina		*		*						
Texas	7		*		16	*	*		41	*
United States	87.1	85.0	0.9	1.5	8.6	11.7	2.5	0.3	0.9	1.5

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Catfish Operations, by Selected States, January 1, 1991-2007

